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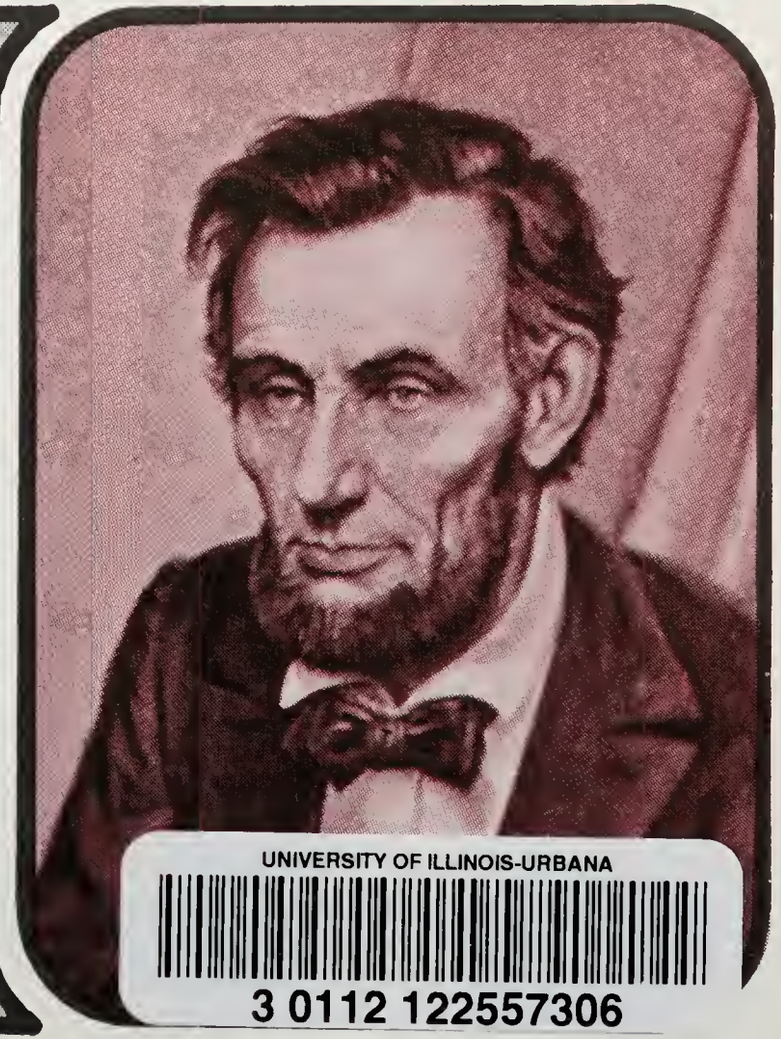

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1974 Calendar of Events

MARCH

1 — Jacksonville — Faculty Recital of Contemporary Music. Merner Chapel. 8:15 p.m.
1-2 — Bloomington — IWU Opera. Presser Hall.
1-3 — Champaign — 84th Ann. Symphonic Band Concert. Krannert Cntr. for Perf. Arts.
2 — Petersburg — Illinois Country Opry. Prairie Run.
3 — Springfield — Camera Club Program. Illinois State Mus. Aud. 2:30 p.m.
7-10 — Bloomington — IWU drama: "Twelfth Night". McPherson Theatre.
7-17 — Bloomington — IWU Fine Arts Festival. Alice Millar Center for Fine Arts.
7-19 — Bloomington — Fine Arts Festival. IWU.
8 — Jacksonville — MacMurray Coll. Concert Band. Merner Chapel. 8:15 p.m.
8-10 — Champaign — Opera "Madame Butterfly". Krannert Center for Performing Arts.
9 — Petersburg — Illinois Country Opry. Prairie Run.
9 — Pontiac — Ann. Barbershop Show. Twp. H.S. Aud. 7:30 p.m.
10 — Jacksonville — Lenten Vespers: Comm. Choir, Jacksonville Symphony. Merner Chapel. 7:30 p.m.
10 — Rossville — Open Horse Show
12 — Champaign — Alfred Brendel, Pianist. Krannert Centr. for Perf. Arts. 8 p.m.
13-14 — Champaign — Afro-American Jazz Festival. 8:00 p.m. Krannert Cntr. for Performing Arts.
13-16 — Bloomington — Play "Twelfth Night" McPherson Theatre. 8 p.m.
14 — Shelbyville — Senior Citizens Potluck Dinner. Lake Towers.
15-17 — Jacksonville — Theatre Production. Coll. Theatre. 8:30 pm
16 — Petersburg — Illinois Country Opry. Prairie Run.
16-17 — Rossville — Antique Show
17 — Jacksonville — MacMurray Music Assoc. Concert: Biggs Consort. Merner Chapel 8:15 p.m.
17 — Shelbyville — Illinois Fiddlers Assoc. Music Session. 4-H Bldg.
17 — Springfield — "Williamsburg-Story of a Patriot" Ill. State Mus. Aud. 2:30 p.m.
20 — Bloomington — Bridal Show presented by local merchants. Scottish Rite Temple.
20 — Decatur — Univ. Concert Series. The Norwegian Nat'l. Ballet. Kirkland Fine Arts Center.
21 — Tuscola — Miss Tuscola Contest & Style Show. Comm. Bldg.
22 — Pontiac — Tasting Luncheon by Jr. Women's Club. 1st United Methodist Church. 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
23 — Petersburg — Illinois Country Opry. Prairie Run.
24 — Bloomington — Opening Perf. of Amer. Passion Play. Scottish Rite Temple.
26 — Bloomington — Amateur Musical Concert. Scottish Rite Temple. 7:30 p.m.
27 — Champaign — Jazz Band. 8 p.m. Krannert Center for Performing Arts.
30 — Petersburg — Illinois Country Opry. Prairie Run.
31 — Springfield — "Delta of the Orinoca". Illinois St. Mus. Aud. 2:30 p.m.

APRIL

7 — Trilla — April thru September. Triple D Rodeo. 2 p.m. each Sunday.
13 — Findlay — OKAW Theatre Opry every Saturday night thru December 29.

(con't. above)

19 — Sullivan — Opening of The Little Theatre
21 — Rossville — Open Horse Show.
27 — Rockome Gardens — Season Opens

MAY

11,12 - 18,19 - 25,26 — Rockome Gardens — Railsplitting Days
30 — Rossville — Registered Horse Show
30 — Decatur — Lake Decatur Water Sports Festival. National Speed Boat races.

JUNE

6-9 — Springfield — Midwest Horse Show. Fairgrounds.
7-9 — Springfield — Municipal Opera
9- — Ruma — Ann. Strawberry Ice Cream Social. St. Patrick's Parish Hall.
12-15 — Metamora — Old Settler's Festival
22 — Rossville — Antique Street Fair
22-23 — Macon County — Yesteryear Antique Show (Historical Society)
29- — Springfield — Illinois Kid & Buck Show-Fairgrounds

JULY

4- — Champaign — Champaign County Freedom Celebration
6- — Springfield — Old State Capitol Candlelight. Tours every Saturday night. 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
27 — Shelbyville — 10th Ann. Illinois Fiddlers' Contest. Hi-School Gym.

AUGUST

9-10 — Springfield — Illinois State Gladiola Show. Illinois Bldg. Illinois State Fair Grounds.
9-18 — Springfield — ILLINOIS STATE FAIR. 1,000,00 attendance Largest Agriculture Fair in the nation.
17-25 — Mattoon — Babe Ruth Baseball Tournament of Champions.
28, 29, 30, 31 & Sept. 1 — Ridge Farm — Ridge Farm Centennial.

SEPT.

6-8 — Springfield — Morgan Jubilee Horse Show.
14-15 — Arcola — Broom, Corn Festival and Fair
14-15 — Lincoln — 4th Ann. Abe Lincoln Railsplitting Contest and Crafts Festival.
14 — Rossville — Antique Street Fair.
28-29 — Clinton — Apple and Pork Festival
29 - 2 — Pontiac — 26th Central States Threshermen's Reunion.
30 - 1, 2 — Hoopeston — National Sweet Corn Festival.
31 - 1, 2 — Macon County — Historical Society Annual Yesteryear Fair.

OCTOBER

26-27 — Decatur — Antique & Collectors Show. (Am. Assoc. of Univ. Women)

DECEMBER

1 — Rossville — Christmas Toyland Parade.

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ILLINOIS—*Land of Lincoln*

Marking the arduous route that Abraham Lincoln and his family took on their long trek from Indiana to a new home in Illinois, the Lincoln Heritage Trail has become a rewarding experience for millions of travelers.

Special highway signs have been erected to identify the trail on your trip through this historic part of Illinois.

Lured to Illinois by enthusiastic letters from a cousin, 13 members of the Thomas and Sarah Bush Lincoln family set out in three hand-wrought wagons pulled by oxen and horses.

In early March 1830, the party crossed the flood-swollen Wabash River by ferry and first set foot in Illinois. An impressive stone and bronze memorial in a beautifully landscaped setting on U. S. 50 near Lawrenceville marks this spot.

The group proceeded to Lawrenceville and then headed north to Palestine and Hutsonville. Near Marshall, they turned westward and passed south of Charleston and Mattoon. The Kaskaskia was crossed near Sullivan. About 10 miles from Decatur on a bluff overlooking the Sangamon River, the party made its new home. A cabin was built and 15 acres of virgin prairie were broken and planted to corn.

The winter of 1830-31 was "the winter of the big snow" and the group suffered many hardships. Discouraged with Illinois, the family—with the exception of Abe who had gone to New Salem to seek his fortune—started back to Indiana in the spring. En route, they stopped in southern Coles County and were persuaded to settle. Here, Thomas and Sarah Lincoln spent their last years.

The cabin, furnished with period pieces, was the home of the elder Lincolns from 1837 until they died. The tranquility of the area is ideal for a summer picnic destination or for an overnight campout. Plan an environmental-historical outing to this rural area soon.

Illinois is rich in Lincoln history, with much of it centered in the Springfield area, the present capital of Illinois. Follow the Lincoln Heritage Trail markers to Springfield. Visit the magnificently restored Old State Capitol in the downtown section of the city. As you move from room to room, you will feel that the business of running the state still flows from this building, with the statesmen away for just a few minutes. See evidence—hanging vests, eyeglasses, quill pens, crumbled papers—of busier days now past.

While in downtown Springfield, tour the buildings where 20th century history is in progress. But also be sure to walk through the only home Lincoln ever owned. Notice the piano. It was played at the Lincoln marriage ceremony. And the dishes on the table were used to serve Lincoln's favorite dessert—whipped cream and sherry. The restored Lincoln-Herndon law office and the depot from which Lincoln left for the Presidency are nearby. The depot is filled with the accessories of early railroad history and is definitely pre-Women's Liberation with women's and men's waiting rooms.

With the Lincoln Heritage Trail markers to guide you, drive 20 miles northwest of Springfield to the historical village of New Salem, a part of New Salem State Park, where Lincoln served as Postmaster. Twenty-three buildings, depicting the homes and businesses familiar to Lincoln, are open to the public.

Back in Springfield, pause at the impressive Lincoln's Tomb in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Lincoln's final resting place.

He lived in Illinois from 1830 till 1860, but because he was Lincoln, he belongs to all the people of the world.

Yet there is a particular sense in which Lincoln belongs to Illinois—and Illinois to Lincoln. This was his home. This, the place among all those he loved, was the place he loved most. Here he lived more than half his life and was buried. But here he lives on in a thousand tangible and intangible ways.

In Illinois, Lincoln came to know the people of the nation. He learned about their work, their hopes, their trials, their ideals. He met the miners of Galena, the traders of Cairo, the bankers of Chicago, the railroaders in Rockford, the boatmen in Havana.

He learned of law and justice in the courtrooms of Beardstown and Mt. Vernon and a score of other Illinois cities. In Illinois, he learned of love, and fatherhood, and grief. The only home he ever owned is in Springfield.

In New Salem, Lincoln cast his first vote, held his first political job and first ran for political office.

In Vandalia, in Springfield, in Jonesboro and in Freeport, he discovered—and tested—the political mettle that was destined to preserve the union.

When you are in Illinois, wherever you go, Lincoln has been before you.

This is the state of Lincoln and because some of Lincoln belongs to every man, this is your state, too.

Visit These Historic Scenes of the Lincoln Heritage

IROQUOIS COUNTY
1 Watseka - Historical Museum
2 Iroquois County Conservation Area

McLEAN COUNTY
3 David Davis Home
4 McLean County Conservation Area
5 Illinois Wesleyan University
6 Illinois State University

MASON COUNTY
7 Mason State Nursery
8 Sanganois Conservation Area
9 Duff Armstrong Burial Site

LOGAN COUNTY
10 Lincoln College
11 Lincoln Memorial Park
12 Postville Courthouse State Memorial
13 Archaic Indian Mounds at Lake Fork
14 Lincoln House
15 Kickapoo Park

DEWITT COUNTY
16 Dewitt County Museum
17 Fine Arts Center
18 Lincoln Statue
19 Weldon Springs State Park
20 The Homestead

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY
21 University of Illinois
25 Chanute Technical Training Center
26 Lake of the Woods Park
27 Krannert Center for the Performing Arts
28 Krannert Art Museum
29 Assembly Hall

VERMILLION COUNTY
30 Lincoln Room
31 Salt Wells
32 Mann's Chapel
33 Kickapoo State Park
34 Vermillion County Museum
35 Harrison Park
36 Danville Jr. College
37 Forest Glen Preserve
38 Abraham Lincoln Trail Judicial Circuit Movement
39 Indian Treaty Site
40 Carl and Mark Van Doren Birthplace

CASS COUNTY
41 Almanac Trial

MENARD COUNTY
42 Ann Rutledge Grave
43 Covered Bridge
44 Long Nine Building
45 Lincoln's New Salem State Park

MORGAN COUNTY
46 Beecher Hall Illinois College
47 Governor Duncan Home
48 Octagonal House
49 MacMurray College

SANGAMON COUNTY
50 Covered Bridge
51 Covered Bridge
52 Lincoln Home State Park
53 Lincoln Monument and Tomb
54 Old State Capitol
55 Lincoln and Hernden Law Offices

MACON COUNTY
56 Macon County Museum
57 Northfork Museum
58 Millikin University
59 Friend's Creek Park
60 Spitler Woods
61 Lincoln Trail Homestead State Park
62 Governor Oglesby Home

PIATT COUNTY
22 Allerton Park
23 Yesteryear Heritage Museum
24 Monticello and Sangamon Valley
63 Bryan Cottage State Memorial

SCOTT COUNTY
64 Steven A. Douglas Monument

CHRISTIAN COUNTY
65 Lincoln Statue

DOUGLAS COUNTY
66 Rockome Gardens

EDGAR COUNTY
67 Twin Lakes

GREENE COUNTY
68 Henry T. Rainey Monument
69 Major Jesse Reno Birthplace
70 Koster Sight

MACOUPIN COUNTY
71 Blackburn College
72 Anderson House
73 Beaver Dam

MONTGOMERY COUNTY
74 Sunset House
75 Lake Coffeen

SHELBY COUNTY
76 Shelbyville Reservoir
77 Shelby County State Forest
78 Lake Mattoon
79 Covered Bridge

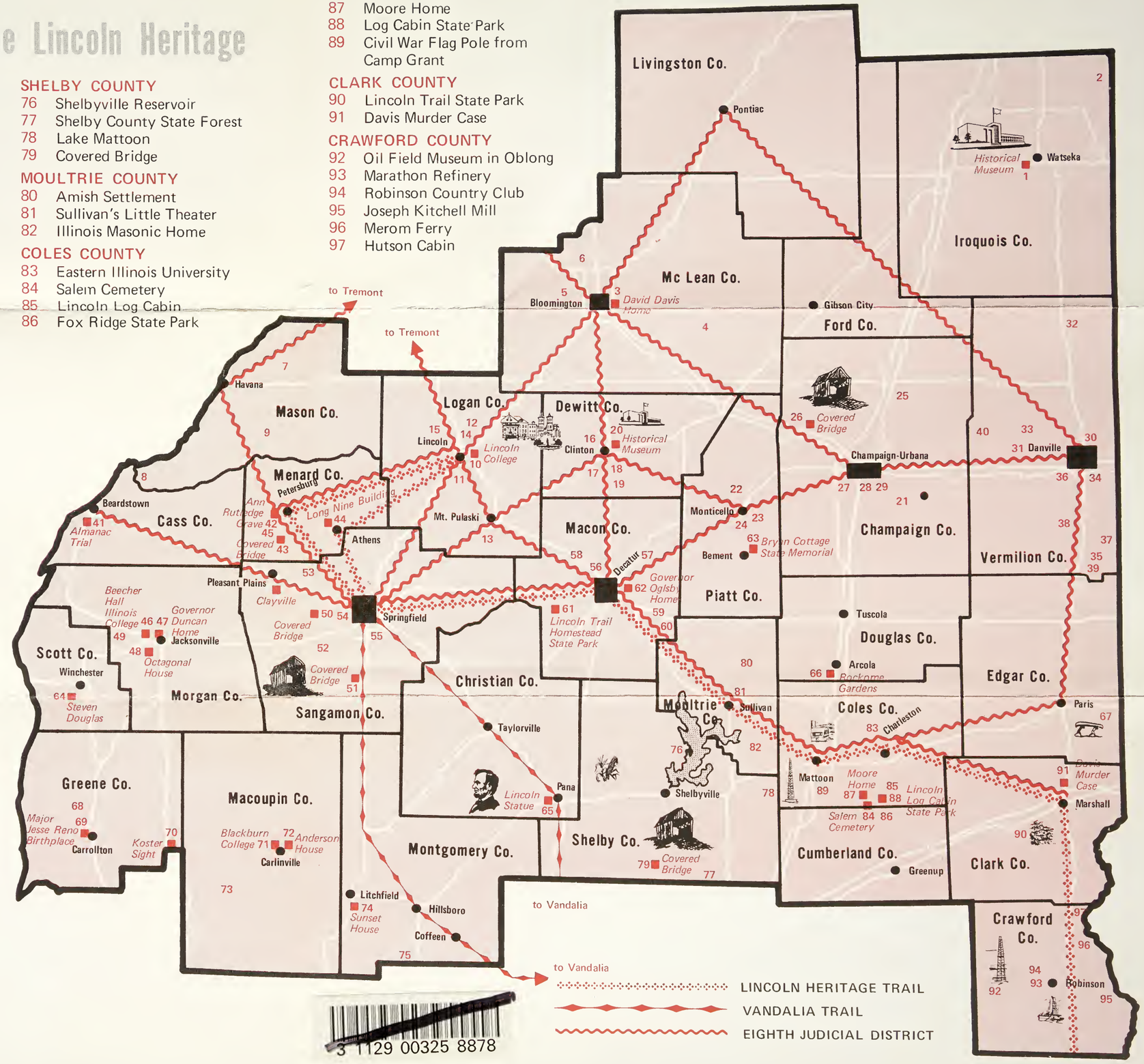
MOULTRIE COUNTY
80 Amish Settlement
81 Sullivan's Little Theater
82 Illinois Masonic Home

COLES COUNTY
83 Eastern Illinois University
84 Salem Cemetery
85 Lincoln Log Cabin
86 Fox Ridge State Park

87 Moore Home
88 Log Cabin State Park
89 Civil War Flag Pole from Camp Grant

CLARK COUNTY
90 Lincoln Trail State Park
91 Davis Murder Case

CRAWFORD COUNTY
92 Oil Field Museum in Oblong
93 Marathon Refinery
94 Robinson Country Club
95 Joseph Kitchell Mill
96 Merom Ferry
97 Hutson Cabin



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